

November 13, 2016

Ordinary Time

Thirty-third Sunday



Focus on the Present

This Sunday we continue our reflection on the theme of the end-time. As this Liturgical Year dovetails into the next, we are resolved to renew our efforts at living lives of faith and not in fear of things to come. Our lives are only secured by our perseverance and our trust in Jesus' promise of being with us.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by
Gene Schoenvogel in memory of Grace Schoenvogel.

Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by
Mary Ann & Patrick Wenske in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their 20th Wedding Anniversary.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, November 19

6:30 p.m. Virgie Drabek

Sunday, November 20

6:30 a.m. Vernell & James Kasper

9:30 a.m. Marie & Rudy Jahn

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Feast of Christ the King*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: 122

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Frances Pilat

and for the comfort of her loved ones.

May she rest in peace.



**The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Grace Schoenvogel.**

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Nov. 21 - Community Thanksgiving Service, 6:30 p.m.,

* **St. Joseph's Church**

Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day Mass, 7:00 a.m., **Praha**

- Thanksgiving Day Mass, 8:30 a.m., **Moulton**



* This year the service is at our Church. This service is usually poorly attended by parishioners of St. Joseph's. Let us make a difference this year. Come join the community in thanking God for his goodness to us. As always, canned goods and monetary offerings taken up at the service will be given to L.A.M.B. to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the county.

Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance. You may drop you food items at any time. Drop the envelope for monetary donations in the collection basket of drop box during the month of November.

L.A.M.B. Update

The quarterly meeting of L.A.M.B. (Lavaca Area Ministerial Body) was held on October 27. Representatives from area churches discussed the needs of L.A.M.B. in assisting the less fortunate in Lavaca County.

Food donations are always welcome. Donations of deer meat are also accepted this time of the year. Presently, the food pantry has a great need for juice boxes and hot and cold cereal.

The Thrift Shop plays a huge role in bringing in money for L.A.M.B. because L.A.M.B. not only provides food for the less fortunate; it also helps in paying rent, utilities, and gasoline bills. The Thrift Shop takes donations of clean used clothes, home décor such as pictures, picture frames, dishes, wall hangings, cups, glasses, unlit candles, children and adult books. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. and is located at 418 S. Ridge Street in Hallettsville. Of course, cash donations are always welcomed.

Please be generous this holiday season by donating in whatever way you can to L.A.M.B.

Lisa Rothbauer

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Representative

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY - Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:50 p.m., YMC

TUESDAY - Quilting Circle Meets, Quilting Room.

- Women's A.C.T.S. Reunion Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY - Champions Club Meets, YMC

- Knights of Columbus Meeting

THURSDAY - Quilting Circle Meets, Quilting Room

- KC Bingo, former KC Hall

FRIDAY - Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Office at any time.

REFLECTION

The Day of the Lord Has Come And Is Coming

This Sunday we reflect on the theme of the end-time introduced last Sunday. The Gospel is an account of a teaching given by Jesus in Jerusalem before his passion.

Luke's Gospel begins in the Temple of Jerusalem, with the vision of Zechariah, where the birth of John the Baptist was foretold. The infant Jesus was presented in the Temple and was recognized as the anointed of the Lord by Simeon and Anna. Beginning at twelve, Jesus went every year to Jerusalem on the Passover pilgrimage and once stayed three days in the Temple and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. It is at the Temple that Jesus gives his disciples and the crowd his final teachings, the central part of which are proclaimed today. Imagine what Jesus must have felt when he spoke of the destruction of the Temple, the heart of Jerusalem, the sanctuary of the presence of God among his people. The destruction of the Temple is tantamount to the end of the world. It is a signal of the end-time, the apocalypse. Jesus was aware of this connection and warns his disciples not to confuse the destruction of the Temple with his return as the Son of Man. Before all these things – before the end of the world, the Jesus who had met controversy throughout his ministry especially in Jerusalem now predicts the same treatment for his disciples. Fully aware of the conflict we would face Jesus encourages us to accept persecution as a sharing in the cross, an opportunity for bearing witness to him. During the coming season of Advent we have the opportunity for rethinking the witness value of our lives and renewing our energies in the service of the Gospel for Jesus is coming.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 13 – Raymond Michalec, Shirley Welfl
Nov. 15 – Kay Lynn Rothbauer, Addison Simper
Nov. 16 – Irene Gold, Kenneth Rebeck
Nov. 18 – Janet Darilek, Tais Gomez, Emil Machacek,
Curtis Mikulencak

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov. 13 – Georgia & Rudy Roznovsky
Nov. 16 – Congratulations Mary Ann & Patrick Wenske
on your 20th Wedding Anniversary
Nov. 18 – Mary & Ray Machalec
– Jennifer & Donald Rothbauer

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Nov. 14 – After School Program, K – 2nd Grade
Nov. 16 – After School Program, 3rd – 6th Grades
– C.C.D., 9th – 11th Grades
Next Sunday – Youth Mass (3rd Grade) ; C.C.D.
– Youth Ministry Center Bake Sale, *see article.* →

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Campaign For Human Development (CCHD)

The CCHD works to transform lives and communities, focusing steadily on breaking the cycle of poverty in thousands of communities across the U.S. *Be generous.*

I will be away for a few days. Fr. James Ramsey will be here for the weekend Masses in Moulton and Praha. For any pastoral needs do please contact the Parish Office. I thank you for your continued support. Remember me in your prayers as I do you.

Fr. Gabriel

LOOKING AHEAD

The Feast of Christ The King: Next Sunday is the Thirty-fourth Sunday, or the Last Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Gospel proclaims Jesus king by the sign on his head on the throne of a wooden cross (I.N.R.I. *Jesus nazarenus rex indaeorum* – Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews).

The New Liturgical Year Begins November 27

- Free copies of *At Home With The Word* are available at the Church entrance for those who put in an order. To order a booklet call 800-933-1800.
- The *Workbook For Lectors* is available in the sacristy. Lectors pick up your copy.
- The *2017 Respond & Acclaim* CDs are ready.

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 4 – Commissioning of Altar Servers During Mass
– Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of Communion Meeting After Mass
Dec. 11 – Breakfast With Santa
Dec. 15 – Parish Advent Confessions, 5:30 p.m., Moulton
Dec. 21 – Parish Advent Confessions, 5:00 p.m., Praha
Dec.24 – Christmas Eve Pageant: Pageant forms were distributed to Sunday School and K – 8th Grade C.C.D students. All C.C.D. youth who plan to participate in the pageant are asked to return their forms by November 27.

Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale Next Sunday to Benefit the Youth Ministry Center

Proceeds from the annual Bake Sale go towards the YMC for the benefit of the youth of the community. Presently, an average of 47 kids participate in the after school programs at the YMC.

All parishioners are invited to support the YMC by donating homemade noodles, homemade bread, cookies, pies, etc.; by buying at the sale; or by making a monetary donation. Bring your goods to the Parish Hall before the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Coffee and juice will be served outside after Mass.

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YMC Pre-Thanksgiving Fundraiser/Bake Sale

I Donate: _____ \$ _____

Name: _____